

ARGENTINA



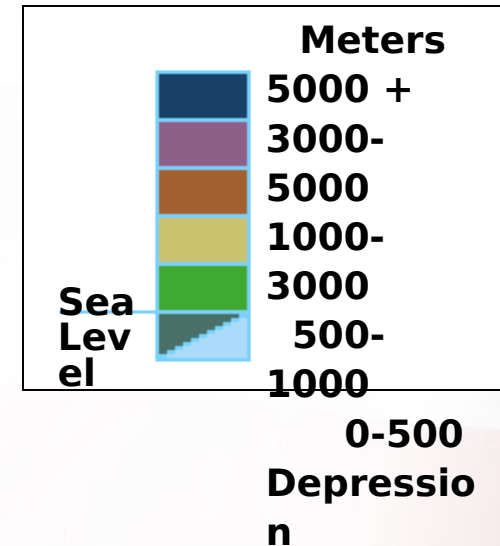
- Fluid political situation
 - Interim President until 2003
- Medium income nation
 - Richest South American country
- Developing economy
 - Major energy producer



Argentina: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

**Mostly temperate;
arid in southeast;
subantarctic in
southwest**



**Rich plains in northern half,
flat to rolling plateau in
south, rugged Andes along
western border**

***lowest point: Salinas Chicas
-40 m***

***highest point: Cerro
Aconcagua***

Argentina: Environmental Issues

- Industries
 - Significant industrial base in coal, natural gas, crude oil, and copper
- Water
 - Few waste treatment plants
 - High levels of arsenic in ground water in north



Argentina: Environmental Issues

- Food
 - No specific information
- Air
 - Localized pollution near urban and industrial centers
- Soil
 - Localized contamination near industry and waste disposal sites

Argentina: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water contaminated with raw sewage or runoff
 - Urban air pollution
- Greatest long-term environmental health risks
 - Chronic ingestion of arsenic in contaminated water

Argentina: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Intermediate risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food- and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
 - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria

Argentina: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food- and water-borne: brucellosis, cholera, protozoal diarrhea, typhoid/ paratyphoid fever
 - Vector-borne: encephalitides, leishmaniasis
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, and HIV/AIDS
 - Soil contact: Argentinian hemorrhagic fever, Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, lymphocytic choriomeningitis
 - Water Contact: leptospirosis
 - Respiratory: tuberculosis
 - Animal contact: rabies